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In re Application of:

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LAMINATION METHOD TO
CREATE A PRE-PRESS PROOF
WITH A THERMAL MARK

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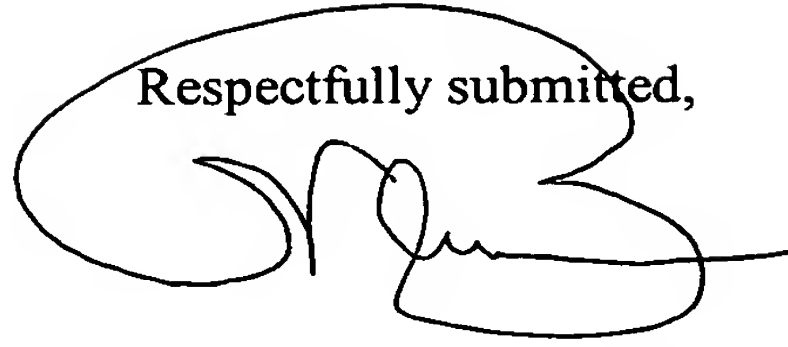
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Official Action dated September 11, 2003, The Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement to Applicant with respect to the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1, 4-7, 12-16, 18, 21-25, 27, and 30-36, drawn to a method for creating a pre-press proof, classified in class 156, subclass 209.
- II. Claims 2-3, 8-9, 10-11, 17, 19-20, 26, 28-29, 37, and 47-49, drawn to a pre-press proof, classified in class 283, subclass 72.
- III. Claims 38-45 and 50-52, drawn to a laminator, classified in class 156, subclass 555.
- IV. Claim 46, drawn to a belt, classified in class 425, subclass 373.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant traverses the Restriction Requirement and hereby elects to pursue the invention of Group I, Species A (claims 1, 4-7).

Respectfully submitted,

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